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REPORT ON Russians in Marshal Chang Chung Chang's Army.

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Sir,

Enquiries made by the undersigned in Nanking show that 1,665 Russian troops came to Pukow and Nanking with Marshal Chang Chung Chang about the middle of December, and were under orders at the end of that month to return to Tsinanfu. These troops consist of 750 artillery gunners and machine gunners, 185 bombers, and 130 cavalry ^{and 500 infantry}. The artillery and machine gunners are distributed among four armoured trains, the armament of each of which includes 2 field guns and 16 machine guns. All these Russians have white sympathies, and all, except a few, have previously served in the armies of Admiral Koltchak or Ataman Semenov. About 30% of them are Tartars, 50% are Cossacks and the remaining 20% are serving in the commissioned ranks.

Inquiries made by the undersigned among these troops show that the Russian corps in Marshal Chang's Army is comprised as follows:

- 1,200 men belonging to 65th Infantry division under General Nechayeff.
- 600 men belonging to 105th Infantry Regiment under General Semonidze
- 200 adult cadets under Colonel Sokoloff
- 130 cavalry belonging to the bodyguard of Marshal Chang Chung Chang and under the command of Colonel Tanaeff.
- 185 bomb throwers belonging to grenade division under Colonel Semenov.

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700 cavalry belonging to the cavalry regiment under
Colonel Saraeff.

750 men belonging to the armoured train division under
General Tchekhoff.

Total 3765.

Like those of their number now in Nanking, all of these men are Tartars and Cossacks, and all are "white" politically.

The Russian Corps of Marshal Chang Chung Chang's army is now endeavouring to find fresh recruits, and two armoured trains called the "Peking" and "Mukden" are being constructed in Tsinanfu for their use. Each of these trains will be armed with a Howitzer in addition to the usual complement of field guns and machine guns.

Besides the Russians in General Chang Chung Chang's army he is planning to engage 200 for his fleet at Tsingtao which is under Admiral Pi Shew Chang (畢應澄). Eighty of these men have been engaged in Shanghai, and about half of these have already left for Tsingtao. These men will be used to man the flag ship of Admiral Pi.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

V. Kadrievsky

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